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SUSQUEHANNA AND DELAWARE RIVER BASINS SOUTHERN ANTHRACITE REGION, PA

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CONGRESSIONAL INFO: Sen. Specter, PA; Sen. Santorum, PA; Rep. Kanjorski, PA-11;
Rep. Holden PA-17.

AUTHORITY: This study was authorized by the House Resolution dated 22 May 2002 by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

LOCATION: The southern anthracite region is located in eastern Pennsylvania.

STUDY/PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Southern Anthracite Region was the subject of considerable degradation in the 19th and early 20th centuries providing power to the eastern United States to fuel the country's industrial development. The reconnaissance study was initiated in the Spring of 2003 and will assess the Federal interest for further feasibility studies regarding potential solutions for watershed restoration, ecosystem restoration, fish and wildlife habitat restoration and allied purposes. As part of the reconnaissance phase an expedited reconnaissance study was completed in accordance with Section 905(b) of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) 1986. The reconnaissance phase will end with the signing of a Feasibility Cost Sharing agreement.

STUDY/PROJECT STATUS: Under overall management by Baltimore District, FY 2003 tasks include the existing conditions environmental investigation and the initiation of the Section 905(b) (WRDA 86) analysis. FY04 funds were used to complete the Section 905(b) (WRDA 86) analysis and coordinate with potential sponsors over future action. FY05 funds of \$250,000 were added by Congress; \$70,000 will be spent by/within Philadelphia District.

ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS: Existing conditions environmental investigation was done and summarized as part of the expedited reconnaissance study's Section 905(b) (WRDA 86) analysis.

SPONSOR: Potential non-Federal sponsor for the feasibility phase of the study is the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (Bureau of Acid Mine Reclamation).

COMMENTS: This is a Baltimore District project for which the Philadelphia District is providing support.

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